

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN BRUCE SIMON**, on March 15, 1999 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 104 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Bruce Simon, Chairman (R)
Rep. Bob Pavlovich, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Paul Sliter, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Joe Barnett (R)
Rep. Sylvia Bookout-Reinicke (R)
Rep. Roy Brown (R)
Rep. David Ewer (D)
Rep. Carol C. Juneau (D)
Rep. Billie Krenzler (D)
Rep. Bob Lawson (R)
Rep. Gay Ann Masolo (R)
Rep. Gary Matthews (D)
Rep. Joe McKenney (R)
Rep. Carolyn Squires (D)
Rep. Jay Stovall (R)
Rep. Cliff Trexler (R)
Rep. Carley Tuss (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: Rep. Rod Bitney (R)

Staff Present: Stephen Maly, Legislative Branch
Pati O'Reilly, Committee Secretary

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: SB 130, SB 132, SB 390, SB 399, 3/3/1999
Executive Action: SB 130, SB 117

HEARING ON SB 130

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Senator Hertel requested that committee Table SB 130.

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HEARING ON SB 132

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Senator Hertel introduced SB 132.

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Proponents' Testimony:

Frank Cote, Deputy Insurance Commissioner, State Auditors Office.

EXHIBIT (buh58a01)

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Roger McGlen, Executive Director of Independent Insurers of Montana.

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Jon Metropolis, Farmers Insurance Group

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Greg Van Horrsen, State Farm Insurance

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Jacqueline Lenmark, American Insurance Assn.

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Opponents' Testimony: No Opponents

Informational Testimony: No Informational Witnesses

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

Rep. Simon questions Frank Cote and Jon Metropolis.

Rep. Krenzler questions Frank Cote.

Rep. Bitney questions Roger McGlen

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Rep. Bookout questions Jon Metropolis

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Closing by Sponsor: Senator Hertel closed. Rep. Sliter to carry in House.

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EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 130

Motion/Vote: REP. KRENZLER moved that SB 130 BE TABLED. Motion carried unanimously.

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 369 - 401}

HEARING ON SB 390

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Senator Bishop, SD 9, introduced SB 390.

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Proponents' Testimony: Steve Browning, Montana Hospital Assn. and Health Care Providers. **EXHIBIT** (buh58a02)

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Jerry Lendorf, Montana Medical Providers

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Mona Jamison, Montana Chapter of Montana Physical Therapists Assn.

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George Wood, Executive Secretary of Montana Self Insurers.

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Nancy Butler, Montana State Fund.

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Greg Van Horrsen, State Farm and Jacqueline Lenmark, Am. Insurance Assn.

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Opponents' Testimony: Al Smith, Montana Trial Lawyers,

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Mike Heiser, Injured worker from Great Falls, MT

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Informational Testimony: Kevin Braun, Dept. of Labor offers amendments.

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Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

Reps. Ewer and Sliter questions Steve Browning. Rep. Squires questions George Wood. **EXHIBIT**(buh58a03)

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 337 - 475}

Rep. Sliter questions Senator Bishop.

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Closing by Sponsor: Senator Bishop closed SB 390.

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EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 117

Motion/Vote: REP. SLITER moved that SB 117 BE CONCURRED IN. Motion carried unanimously. **EXHIBIT**(buh58a04)

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HEARING ON SB 399

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Senator Jabs, SD 3, introduced SB 399.

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Proponents' Testimony: Steve Browning, Montana Hospital Assn. and Health Care Providers.

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Julie Marianne, Havre Hospital Record Information Director. **EXHIBIT**(buh58a05)

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Julie Gaymor, Director, Medical Records at Missoula Medical Center. **EXHIBIT**(buh58a06)

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Judy Jackson, Director of Medical Records, Shodair Hospital, Helena, MT. **EXHIBIT**(buh58a07)

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Jerry Lindorf, Montana Medical Assn.

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Opponents' Testimony: No opponents

Informational Testimony: Al Smith, Montana Trial Lawyers.
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Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

Rep. Bookout questions J. Gaymor.

Rep. Krenzler questions Julie Marianne.

Rep. Bitney questions Judy Jackson.

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Rep. Juneau questions Julie Marianne. Rep. Squires questions Steve Browning and Gaymor. Rep. Bookout questions Gaymor and Al Smith. Reps. Ewer, Sliter and Simons question Steve Browning.

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 111}

Closing by Sponsor: Senator Jabs closed SB 399. Representative Matthews to carry.

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ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:05 P.M.

REP. BRUCE SIMON, Chairman

PATI O'REILLY, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (buh58aad)